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LOVE FINDS A WAY.

Miss Maude Murphy and Fred Aten Parties to Elopement.

Parents Consent Could Not Be Obtained So the Young People Marry Without Their Approval—Were Wed. At Salina Tuesday.

Miss Maude Murphy and Fred Aten, both of Goodland, were married in Salina, Kan., Tuesday.

The above piece of news would not cause as much comment if it were not for the fact that the young people failed to announce the approaching nuptials even to as close relatives as the parents of the bride. Then, again, if the bride's parents had been duly informed the event might not have been solemnized Tuesday. The marriage has revealed a genuine elopement, and a successful one at that.

News of the marriage came to Goodland Wednesday in form of rumor. Yesterday morning, however, the news was confirmed by a letter from Miss Murphy to her father, E. F. Murphy, stating that she and Mr. Aten were married in Salina Tuesday evening. The letter also contained the information that after a trip to Kansas City they would go to Burlington, Col., and spend a few days with Mr. Aten's mother, and would probably return to Goodland Monday.

Miss Murphy has been a student at the Kansas Wesleyan university at Salina and returned to that institution Tuesday morning after spending the holiday vacation in Goodland. She left this city at eight o'clock Monday evening. Mr. Aten left for Salina on a following train a few hours later and his intentions and plans were known to a few close friends at the time. He had his friends here announce the event Wednesday morning, one of them being the friend of Aten who received the message as claimed, and news of the wedding was not verified until yesterday when Mr. Murphy received word from his daughter to that effect.

When Miss Murphy left for Salina to resume her studies in college her parents in Goodland never dreamed that she would be a bride within 24 hours, and the marriage was a complete surprise to them. She is only 17 years of age and possibly the only objection the parents could have to the issue would be her tender years. But it is said by those who claim to be in position to know that Mr. Aten was told by the Murphys to cease his attentions to their daughter, but, of course, this demand only made the young man more persistent in his suit.

The elopement was very cleverly planned and the Murphys hadn't the slightest suspicion of what was to take place. The scheme of Mr. Aten going on a later train served to avoid suspicion.

Miss Murphy—now Mrs. Aten—is a nice looking young lady and was quite popular both at the college and in Goodland. Mr. Aten is an employe of the Millisack store, has lived in Goodland several years and bears a good reputation.

Of course the blessings and forgiveness of the bride's parents will go out to them, and they will be greeted with congratulations by their many friends when they return to Goodland.

DEATH OF SAMUEL WICHAEL.

Was a Native of Virginia and a Veteran of the Confederate Army in Which He Lost an Arm.

Samuel Henry Wichael, father of Phil Wichael, died Tuesday morning at the home of his son in Goodland. He had been ill with la grippe, but the direct cause of death was heart failure. He was 67 years of age. Mr. Wichael's wife died last March very suddenly and his death was unexpected.

He was born in Shenandoah Valley, Va., in 1834. He was in the Confederate army and during one of the "Seven Days' Battles" in 1862 he lost his left arm. He removed to Iowa in 1876 and in 1886 he came to Sherman county where he has made his home on a farm near Rulifson. When his wife died last spring he gave up his residence there and came to Goodland and made his home with his son.

He leaves five children, three sons and two daughters. Phil and Ed Wichael and Mrs. Frank Sylvester live in this county, and George Wichael and Mrs. Ollie Gellantive live in Iowa.

The funeral was held at the Methodist church yesterday at ten o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. J. P. Kline, an old neighbor and close friend of the deceased. Interment was made in the Dankard cemetery.

"The Man of Mystery," to-night.

RUE THOMAS HOME AT LAST.

Goodland Boy Who Has Been in the Philippines Has Returned—Has Seen Enough of Army Life.

There was rejoicing in the home of Dr. A. N. Thomas Wednesday morning. It was all due to the safe arrival home of his son, Dr. Rue A. Thomas, who has suffered the hardships and dangers of nearly two years' service in the Philippines.

Mr. Thomas, like most other young Americans who have seen service in that country, does not think that the islands are worth the good lives that this government is sacrificing for their subjugation.

Mr. Thomas has secured a discharge and, as he says, is done with army life. When he received that document at San Francisco a few days ago he was rated as "hospital steward, general service, United States army." He was in the service about two years and was in the islands 18 months. Soon after arriving in the Philippines he was detailed as dentist to the army and navy by the chief surgeon. He was stationed in the island of Cebu, Panay and other islands of the Philippine group. He says that a large per cent of the troops ultimately succumb to the climate and that a good majority of the soldiers would only be too glad to get back to their native land.

Mr. Thomas was afflicted with intestinal trouble such as afflict most of the soldiers. He was discharged on account of disability received in the service due to climatic diseases.

The only business openings in the islands that offer any inducements whatever, he says, is the liquor business, and that is terribly overdone.

MRS. ROBERTS IS DEAD.

Had Long Been a Sufferer From Consumption and Her Death Was Not Unexpected.

Mrs. Jean Francis Roberts, wife of Harry Roberts, a traveling man, died Tuesday morning at the family home in Goodland of consumption. Mrs. Roberts had long been a sufferer from the disease and her death was not unexpected.

Mr. Roberts, whose occupation keeps him away from home a good part of the time, was out of town when the end came. He was reached by telegraph and arrived in Goodland Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Roberts was born in Canada in 1861 and was married to Mr. Roberts in 1883. Besides the husband she leaves four children, three sons and one daughter. Her mother, Mrs. Bayley, and a sister, Mrs. H. Geyer, of Edson, and one brother, Allen Bayley, of Cripple Creek, survive her.

The body was taken to Clifton, Kan., yesterday morning where interment will be made.

Commissioners in Session.

The board of county commissioners have been in session all week. They are settling up the business that has accumulated in the past three months and also closing up the yearly business. Next week the new board, which will be organized but will not include any new members, will close up contracts for the new year and the new county officers will take their places.

Rathbone Sisters Install Officers.

The Rathbone Sisters installed their new officers at a meeting held Saturday evening. Mrs. Kate Leonard was installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Pauline Hartman and Mrs. Jennie Walker. The new officers are: Most excellent chief, Mrs. Mollie Thomas; excellent senior of the temple, Mrs. Grace Bower; excellent junior, Mary Joyce; manager, Mrs. Ora Wiley; mistress of records and correspondence, Miss Nellie Scott; mistress of finance, Mrs. Betty Powers; past chief of temple, Miss Ella Moore.

Supper was served after the installing ceremonies were completed.

Reader on Irrigation.

Representative Reeder talks interestingly of his bill to appropriate \$25,000 for the work of investigating the practical features of sinking artesian wells in the arid sections of Kansas for irrigating purposes. Artesian wells, he says, have resulted in great practical good in South Dakota, where the experimental stage has been passed long ago.

The region which he wants to explore includes almost the whole western third of Kansas, or about forty counties. He says in the past two or three years the crops which have been raised there have been in a large measure satisfactory, but they did not begin to reach the proportions which they would have reached had there been more water available. The wells which he wants sunk should go to a depth of from 2,000 to 3,000 feet, he says. Wells which have been sunk to a depth of 1,000 have went up salt water, but he believes that the great depth will make a desirable quantity of water and prevent the distressing, disastrous droughts which have so retarded agricultural development of that country.

THE "BROWN SYSTEM."

W. O. Neville, of the Rock Island, Says Employees are Now in Favor of the System of Discipline.

At the last meeting of the St. Louis Railway club, an excellent paper was read on "The Brown System of Discipline," by W. O. Neville, of Topeka. Mr. Neville is chief clerk in the office of Superintendent W. H. Stillwell, of the Rock Island. The following extracts are taken from Mr. Neville's paper:

"The nucleus to the successful handling of employes lies in that which will bring the employer and employe closer together. Good results cannot be obtained with a breach between them. The success of one depends on the other. An interest in the welfare of the employe, displayed by the employer, must bring good results. Discipline administered with the air of a punishment, except in extreme cases, is wrong and will act as a boomerang on the object for which it was intended. The administering of disciplinary methods is an art and a science, and its object should not be to make the employe feel that it is used wholly for the interests of the company he serves, but that his welfare is of equal importance and consideration, and that its application is simply a means of education and a training, a rule for maintaining order and regularity.

"Every honest and intelligent railway employe prides himself on making a good record and I believe that any system based on the merits of the employe and his work will create a cooperative interest in the man that can never be obtained by throwing him out of employment for a number of days. 'Idleness breeds contempt,' and this, coupled with the reducing of his income, will not leave a favorable impression or kindly feeling towards his employer.

"I have had an opportunity to observe the practical working of the Brown system on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway since October 1, 1896, and while its introduction was looked upon with misgiving by many of the employes, they have since educated themselves to its principles and I dare say that to day that a very small percent would want to return to the old practice. It has undoubtedly created a higher plane of thought and aspiration among the men, as they realize that their worth depends on their record. They undoubtedly are using more strenuous efforts to keep their record clear of demerit 'brownies,' as they term it, than was done to avoid suspension.

"I believe the keystone of discipline is in keeping the employer and employe as close together as possible, for then their interests must necessarily be centered on the same object. I think the new system makes greater strides in that direction than the suspension could ever accomplish."

RAILROAD SPIKES.

G. W. Wilson is a new machinist.

Engineer Lew Foster has engine 490.

Fred Griffin is a new boilermaker from Horton.

Engine 498, Engineer Henry Adams, is on the local.

Charles Overholser is a new man in the round house.

Engineer A. D. Ebert was at Denver visiting his family.

Roadmaster W. E. Bogart was down from Roswell Monday.

Engine 909 is out of the shops and was sent out on local Wednesday.

Engineer John Paek went to Phillipsburg Sunday after his engine, 501.

Night Agent Phil Winchel was taken with a relapse and was compelled to give up work.

Engineer Berry's engine, 909, of the Denver run, is in the shops for an overhauling.

Brakeman E. S. Gunn is on duty again after a few weeks' visit with his folks in Pueblo.

Dispatcher M. W. Skinner and wife and Dewitt Clayton Skinner are stopping at the Brick hotel.

Fireman Axel Stephenson will take an engine on the Denver run. He will move his family to Denver.

Dale Seerers, telegraph lineman, is about to sell his telephone exchange in Keota, Ia. It will net him several thousand dollars.

Morris Skinner, who held the operator's desk in the office here a couple of years ago, is working the third trick in the absence of Dispatcher Bullock.

Mrs. E. J. Denney went to Pueblo Wednesday morning and will remain there while her husband is on passenger between that place and Phillipsburg.

C. E. Biddison shot a wild goose Tuesday forenoon on Sheriff Walker's place. He winged it with a shotgun, but it made such a lively scamper that he let it have a bullet from his rifle. It was a big black one.

Operator Finley, of Topeka, was taken sick and was relieved by V. L. Longman, of Topeka. He was here only a few days and left to take a permanent position in Missouri. He was replaced by W. L. Eckel, also of Topeka.

Engineer George Emick, who has been sick with la grippe, went out with his engine Tuesday night, but he was

taken with a relapse at Phillipsburg and could not bring his engine back. Engineer Wiley brought the engine to Goodland.

Frank Sweeney, a fireman on a Rio Grande engine, was blown off the gangway while the train was in motion near Cuchara, Col. Sweeney was on the gangway shaking ashes, and was blown off as the train was going over a trestle. He fell over the trestle to the ground, a distance of about fifty feet. He received injuries that proved fatal. He was taken to the hospital at Pueblo. Frank Sweeney was formerly a fireman on the Rock Island with a friend east of Phillipsburg and is known to a good many railroad men of this city. He is a son of Roadmaster Sweeney, of Belleville.

An interesting advertising scheme has been adopted by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company. One of their traveling men, an expert stenographer, was sent to visit individual farmers in their home, to find out what success they were having, and then write letters at their dictation addressed to eastern friends, telling about the crops, etc. He goes about with a team, and carries a typewriter and stationary. This personal letter is followed up in due time by advertising literature sent to the friends to whom the letters are written.

There were 4,804.1 miles of new railroad constructed in the United States during the past year, according to figures compiled by the Railroad Gazette. The returns cover 286 companies in 43 states and territories. The comparison with the returns of 1899 is favorable, 284 companies having built 4,200.7 miles last year, that having been the largest building since 1891 and 1892.

Among the companies building, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy leads, with 213 miles in four states and territories. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul 173 miles; the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, 169 miles; the Northern Pacific, 151 miles; the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern, 100 miles; the St. Louis & San Francisco, 111 miles; the Seaboard Air Line, 95 miles; the Illinois Central, 91, and the Gulf & Ship Island, 70 miles.

Go to Omaha for Treatment.

Machinist T. H. Taggart, who was badly burned a few weeks ago while working with a gasoline lamp, and whose injuries are not healing as well as at first thought, left Tuesday night for Omaha where he will receive treatment. Erysipelas was feared and he will go to a hospital where he can get the best attention. He was accompanied by his wife.

Conductors Will Dance.

Prarie View division 276, Order Railway Conductors, are making arrangements to give a ball in Goodland. The event will take place Valentine's day—February 14—and promises to be a big occasion. The conductors will send out a large number of invitations and a good attendance is expected.

Will Give a Subscription Party.

The Philharmonic orchestra will give a "subscription party" at the opera house Thursday evening, January 17. Dancing will be one of the features.

TOLD IN A LINE.

Another light snow fell Wednesday morning.

E. Sater shipped a carload of old iron to Denver this week.

The new county officers will take their positions next Monday.

School resumed Monday after the holiday vacation of two weeks.

It remained for a Wichita man to point out that the hand that rocks the cradle also rocks the saloons.

The Goodland Gun club will shoot live birds on their grounds to-day. On Sunday the club will feast on pigeon potpie at the Brick hotel.

A new entrance has been put in the opera house building. The north door has been closed and the new entrance is on the east side of the building.

J. B. Penn shipped a carload of hogs to Denver Wednesday night. He put in 20,470 pounds of porkers in one car, the heaviest load of hogs ever shipped from this city. He accompanied the shipment.

The people of Goodland are willing that the weather man call it off. The people are not accustomed to such a severe and prolonged cold snap and would be satisfied with more of that weather that includes a little sunshine and warmth.

The grip epidemic in Goodland shows no sign of abatement. Nearly everyone is having a hustle with the malady. Its effect is felt in the city school, a large per cent of the scholars being afflicted with the disease.

Parents having young children whom they expect to start to school this term, are urged to enter them at once as a beginner's class has just been formed in the city school.

Ex-Congressman Jerry Botkin says the people often help the trusts.

"Some time ago," Mr. Botkin says, "a rival of the Standard Oil company sent an agent to my town—Windfield—with instruction to put oil on the market at 3 cents less than the usual price. So soon as this rival opened business the Standard people ordered their agent to undersell the rival 2 cents per gallon, no matter what price he fixed. The war was on. The Standard finally put its oil down to 5 cents per gallon. Of course the people joined in with the Standard Oil company and helped it to run the other fellow out. It only required two or three weeks to accomplish the task, and the foolish people enjoyed again the luxury of paying the same old robber price for oil."

PERSONAL NOTES.

Frank Brumfield returned last week from Missouri.

Mrs. Ben Joseph has returned from a visit in Trenton, Mo.

Charley Collier is doing the night clerk trick at the Depot hotel.

W. A. Johnston and Floyd Shimeall, of Norton, were in town Monday.

Gust Garhart has returned from a trip to eastern Nebraska and Missouri.

A. D. Rummel will attend the county clerk's convention at Topeka next week.

The Rathbone Sisters are making arrangements to give a Valentine party.

"The Man of Mystery" will mystify the audience to-night at the opera house.

James Walker, of Voltaire township, has come to town to attend the city school.

Miss Emma Allen, of Cripple Creek, is in the city the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. L. Calvert.

Miss Edna Swarts left Monday evening for Topeka to resume her studies at Bethany college.

Mrs. George Fuller, of Goodland, was the guest of Mrs. Belle Samm the past week.—Norton Courier.

Gene R. Woodruff, representative of the Hall Lithographing company, of Topeka, was in the city this week.

Earl Hickman, of Atwood, representing the Seigel-Sanders Livestock company, was in Goodland Saturday.

Tony Field is the name of the good-looking new delivery boy for H. H. Auer & Son. He is from Belmont, Ia.

Mrs. R. J. Jones and Miss Nellie Scott entertained the Inter Sess club at the Jones home last Friday evening.

Mrs. Frank Brayman and two children, of Goodland, are visiting with relatives in Horton.—Horton Commercial.

Josiah Crosby, representative of Cheyenne county, was in the city Sunday en route to Topeka to attend the legislature.

William Jupp, the mail carrier, says that any person taking his horse hereafter without permission will be called upon to pay \$1.

Mrs. J. M. Cox, of Pueblo, was called here Saturday by the illness of her daughter, who is visiting her grand parents. Mr. and Mrs. E. Thorson.

Dr. F. H. Smith, representative-elect, left Sunday evening for Topeka to attend the meeting of the legislature. He was accompanied by Mrs. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Warriner, H. W. Stewart and Miss Maude Murphy left Monday evening for Salina where they will resume their studies at the Kansas Wesleyan university.

W. J. Bower's sons and daughters and grandchildren gathered in from the east and west for a family reunion on New Year's day. What a jolly time they must have had. We should have called it a housewifing.—Norton Courier.

Mrs. C. C. Young is very sick with an abscess in her ear and it is understood that Dr. Gulick has advised that she be taken to the city to be treated by a specialist. She is suffering great pain and is confined to her room and bed.

Allen Bayley, of Cripple Creek, formerly of this city, was called here this week by the death of his sister, Mrs. Harry Roberts. Mr. Bayley was employed on the Dark Horse, a newspaper that was published in Goodland at one time.

O. R. Monroe has gone to Denver and will associate himself with W. E. Comer in the drug business. Mr. Monroe has lived in Goodland several years, a part of the time he was in business for himself. He has had considerable business training and will be a valued member to Mr. Comer's staff.

W. E. Warden, of Waukonis, Oklahoma, was here this week and purchased the bank furniture and safe of C. F. Weber and shipped the same to Oklahoma. He also bought the upper vault frame of the old exchange bank of Hoy's Andrews. He will start a new bank in the forementioned place.

G. L. Montgomery, of Mason City, Ia., formerly of Goodland, starts the new century right by ordering THE REPUBLIC. He is general agent for the Plano Manufacturing company and has his headquarters in Mason City. He says the winter has been very warm at his home, with very little cold weather.

W. E. Ward, of Sharon Springs, says that he believes that it is a wrong theory that the streams of western Kansas should be diverted for the purpose of irrigation. He thinks they should be conserved in the interest of the cattle raising industry, which is the natural pursuit of this end of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Comer left Monday morning for Denver where they will make their home. Mr. Comer having bought a drug store in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Comer have lived in Goodland the past five years and they have a host of friends. Both of them always took a prominent part in social matters and they will be greatly missed in Goodland.

Otto Auer bid Smith Center adieu again last night. This time he goes to Oklahoma, where, if he finds an attractive business opening, he may decide to locate. Otto says that this is positively his last appearance and that Smith Center will know him no more. He has friends here who will be glad to hear of his securing a nice, desirable location and getting started in a good business of his own somewhere.—Smith Center Journal.

An Iowa paper tells of a cow which swallowed an umbrella and a cake of yeast. The yeast raised the umbrella and the cow died from too much expansion.

SHOOTING AT BREWSTER.

Between E. Dux and A. J. Campbell Results in Shooting of Campbell—Brewster Notes.

Ed Mewhirter and Frank Newton took advantage of the recent cold weather to put up some ice, the same being obtained from the latter's pond. Roy Freland was trading with our merchants Friday.

Dr. Eddy, of Colby, was called in to attend H. J. Bardine last week.

Mr. Grant returned to Goodland after the New Year dance. Miss Jennie Drake accompanied him.

Billy Jacobs took in Colby and Goodland last Thursday and Friday.

The community was considerably startled Friday morning when E. Dux, living seven miles southeast of Brewster, came in and announced that he had shot his neighbor, A. J. Campbell. Trouble over cattle and a dog caused the shooting so far as known. Charles Petty swore out a warrant Friday evening for Dux's arrest and Sheriff Kiser came out and took the prisoner to Colby, where he was released on bail. Mr. Campbell lies in a critical condition at present, as the bullet entered a little above the right temple and has not yet been extracted. The Woodmen lodge, of which both men are members, are taking care of Mr. Campbell and have employed Amiel Sunday as nurse. If he can be moved he will be taken to a hospital at Topeka and be examined by the X-ray to locate the bullet.

Miss Mary Wilson visited with D. M. Dawes Friday.

S. Fulwider and Will Jacobs bought out John Gardels. This will give them quite an outlet for range.

Jesse Gilbert returned home Sunday from a visit to his brother, Walter, who lives on Jim Fike's place, north of Colby.

Miss Ellen Fenno and Alva Fulwider visited schools and our neighboring city during their school vacation.

Mrs. Nora Wilcox visited friends and relatives in Colby during her short vacation.

One of Mr. Hawk's children was reported Tuesday being broke out with something. Whether it was small pox, we do not know.

G. M. Strain was in Colby Thursday. Miss Anna Gilbert returned to her school Sunday.

John Patterson marketed hogs in Colby Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson went to Chardon Sunday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Elmer Conquest.

Fred Young was at Colby between trains Friday.

Mrs. Gilbert returned to her home in Missouri Tuesday night.

Charles Petty shipped part of a car of hogs Saturday.

J. R. Griffith was trading in Brewster Tuesday.

These are troublesome times. Rumor reaches us of a battle in our sister township of Barrett.

E. B. Ackerman sold out a car of corn on track Tuesday. He sold for 35 cents per bushel.

Attorneys Smith and DonCarlos, of Colby, were in town Tuesday between trains.

We are informed by the school board that Brewster now has \$400 in the treasury. This sum will pay up lots of back orders, and anyone holding same should present them for payment.

LaBlanche.

There was a dance at the Pete Doerfer residence in LaBlanche neighborhood last night.

Miss Cecil Sigman has taken up the school in the Doerfer district relinquished by Miss Grace Barnett, on account of illness.

Ed. Strand brought in a load of hogs Thursday. He sold to J. B. Penn.

Miss Jessie McKinzie and Walter Winn, of Kanorado, were married at the home of the bride's parents near LaBlanche, yesterday.

Joseph Pyle, of Kanorado, was married yesterday to Miss Cooperider, of Burlington, Col.

A number of cattle have died in the vicinity of black log.

Samuel Townsend has bought a fine new stove that cost him \$25.

J. B. Moore has bought a fine new cream separator.

A sheep man from Decatur county was on his way to the Golden sheep ranch Thursday to buy 1,500 head of sheep to take to his place in the forementioned county.

Roosevelt Passes Through.

Teddy Roosevelt, vice-president-elect, passed through Goodland yesterday morning en route to Colorado, where he will spend a few weeks in hunting game that infests the great Rockies. It is said that he occupied berth in a sleeper like any other ordinary person, and that no special car was used for his conveyance.

Church Announcements.

There will be preaching at the Christian church next Sunday, morning and evening, by the pastor, J. Ed Stevens.

Preaching services at the Congregational church next Sunday at two o'clock p. m. by Rev. Jonas Frost.

An attempt is being made, under the auspices of the German government, to cultivate the American cotton plant in Togoland, German West Africa. An agreement has been concluded between some planters and experts in Alabama and the German authorities by which 150 carriers and laborers will be taken to West African colony. The government has encouraged the enterprise to the extent of \$15,750, and the Berlin Colonial Economic Committee will also render aid to the scheme.